

God's Unique Plan for Unique Lives

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- I. Cities of Refuge: For those who face unique misfortune (Joshua 20; Deuteronomy 19:1-13; Numbers 35:6, 9-34)
- A. God provided six cities of refuge from injustice for those who accidentally killed someone (Joshua 20:1-3).
 - B. Someone who fled to the cities would be tried and if innocent of hostile intent, he must live in the city of refuge until the high priest died (Joshua 20:4-7).
- The "Why?" Question
- 1. God understands our unique regrets and injustices.
 - 2. God is where we must run in unique difficulties.
 - 3. We don't need to live in fear, regret or resentment when we trust God's sovereignty, love and vindication.
 - 4. Unique trials become either an excuse for bitterness or an opportunity to glorify God (John 9:1-3).
- II. Cities of the Levites: For those who have a unique calling (Joshua 21; Numbers 35:1-6; Deuteronomy 18:1-8)
- A. The Levites received 48 cities to live in throughout Israel (Joshua 21; Numbers 35:1-6).
 - B. The Levites received offerings and tithes to live on (Joshua 13:14; Deuteronomy 18:1; Nehemiah 10:37-39)
 - Paying those in vocational ministry (1 Corinthians 9:9-14; 1 Timothy 5:17-18)
 - C. The Levites experienced the blessing of serving the Lord Himself (Joshua 13:33; Deuteronomy 18:2).
- The "Ministry" Question
- 1. God calls all to ministry – some full-time (Acts 13:2).
 - 2. God's unique ministry calling for each of us involves unique sacrifice, but also unique blessing.